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## Weather Indications.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Forecast for Kansas: Fair and colder tonight; Wednesday, northwesterly winds.

DICK CHASE ought to bring his figures with him next time. His bluff about the amount of coal sent to the asylum was called in short order by Steward Butler.

THE delay of the Hillman case has done more to convince the people of Kansas that the courts are not conducted on the right principles than any other incident. The case ought to have been tried and finished years ago. There is a demand for a Tom Reed on every bench to stop this "Hillmaning."

TOM REED is taking a wise course in making himself solid with southern Republicans. They have just as many votes in a National convention as if they came from Republican states. If he will declare unequivocally for free silver now he can have anything he wants in the west. All the west is waiting for a positive declaration. They don't propose to make any mistake.

It has always been maintained by the so-called "financiers," that a currency of any kind cannot be safe and good unless it rest upon a basis of gold for the purpose of final redemption. Our currency at present resembles nothing so much as an inverted pyramid with gold as the apex. When with the present proportion of gold to the whole amount of money depending upon it for its value, it is so hard to maintain the parity that it is necessary to sell bonds every little while, what are we to do when Mr. Carlisle succeeds in increasing the currency by \$30,000,000 as he proposes. Where will the gold come from to make this money good. The wily secretary's plan looks very much like one for the final and complete overthrow of silver.

The history of the past year has demonstrated that the currency of the country is based more on the faith and credit and confidence and wealth of the people than anything else. Gold has nearly failed twice, and it has been necessary to fall back on the people's credit each time. That there is no lack of faith in the people as a redeemer is evidenced by the scramble to get their securities. If the credit of the government must stand behind the gold, and the silver, and the coin certificates, and the national bank notes, and every other form of currency, it does seem like folly to call in a lot of intermediate fellows between the servants of the people and the people themselves. If the government must stand good for everything, and it is conceded that it must or the money cannot be relied upon, why shouldn't the government take the whole matter of banking and the issuance of currency into its own hands. It surely could be managed much more cheaply and safely than at present. If there were gold enough to go around there would be no need of banks of issue, either government or otherwise, but there isn't.

SECRETARY CARLISLE appeared before the house committee on banking and currency yesterday to explain his scheme for reforming the currency. The chief merit of his plan appears to rest in the claim that under it the currency would be expanded and contracted to suit the exigencies of trade. This is very good as a theory, but it is to be feared that in practice the currency would be contracted to suit the purposes of the bankers and expanded in the same way at so much per expand. Expansion of the currency is often desirable, contraction never. It is impossible that there should be too much of a circulating medium, because when the needs of business are supplied the remainder will be idle, and it does not cost anything or waste away. Furthermore, a contraction of the currency is inevitably followed by falling prices, failures, bankruptcy and ruin. Expansion of the currency to the extent of supplying every demand of business ever bears in its train rising prices, a revival of trade and prosperity to the whole people. This is history. There is no dodging it. The world's panics have never followed an expansion of the circulating medium, but have only come when a period of contraction or hoarding or withdrawal has set in.

## WOMEN AND CIGARETTES.

From time to time we read in "special articles" in newspapers of the headway that cigarette smoking is making among women. We are told that "ladies in society" are guilty of the practice, and that if we only knew the whole truth we would begin to prepare for the inevitable. One of the articles in the New York Herald says:

"Only of late years has the cigarette been used by women of the Anglo-Saxon race. As late as 1850 it was an unheard-of thing for an English or American lady to use the dreaded article. Since then there has been a revolution in every respect. The cigarette is used universally in both Great Britain and the United States and in daily increasing quantities by the women of both countries. Women and girls use them along-

side of their fathers and brothers. Nevertheless, women do not smoke them exactly as men do. They are in the main more delicate and dainty."

Now, where in this land of ours—in Massachusetts, Virginia, Ohio, Kansas or California, do "women and girls use cigarettes alongside of their fathers and brothers?" We should like to have the locality pointed out. Where is the girl outside of the outskirts of society who would smoke cigarettes habitually? Who knows of a wife and mother addicted to the habit? Are they in Topeka; are they in Chicago? The cigarette habit is something that can't be concealed. "You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will," but the scent of the cigarette is something you never can kill. How popular would any one young lady be among the sterner sex who floated around smelling like a bootblack? Even the sickly little boys who smoke cigarettes are so unpleasant that there is a temptation to shut them out in the hall with the dog.

The explanation of the cigarette "information" we have in the above clipping is that it's simply a space writer's fabrication. The cigarette habit is not spreading among the Anglo-Saxon women and girls, you may be sure. It may be spreading among the women who reside in houses which are generally under police surveillance; we are not informed on the subject. The attempt in the New York Herald's article to prove that it is becoming "respectable" is calculated to do a great deal of harm; and we are safe in saying that there isn't a line of it true.

## KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

A Garden City man who stole a pump, will need more than that to bail him out. "Normal Students Taken In," is a sign which appears before an honest Emporia man's dwelling, says the Gazette.

A revenue collector is following an ice cold trail in southeastern Kansas for men with incomes over \$4,000 a year. Parsons Independent: A Fort Scott man ekes out a miserable existence by selling buttermilk on the streets, when the saloons are all open.

The Wellington Mail stole a march on the moon, and changed hands while that luminary was not suspecting it. The Mail is now several places ahead.

There is said to be a postmaster in Labette county who so hates to be bothered by people asking for their mail that he sends it back to where it came from.

The Latin class in the Newton high school have read all of his orations against Catiline without knowing that Marcus Tullius Cicero had a wart on his nose.

It was fortunate that a Wichita man drew "Tribby" the finest doll in the St. Joe doll fair. She came into society at Wichita without any questions being asked.

The tramps which congregated at Parsons bemoan the fact that in spite of the general glut in the equine market "white horse" remains at the same old figure.

The Atchison Champion says a Central Branch editor is forced by hard times to eat only two meals a day now. It won't be long before he will be fighting with the mice for the paste.

A K. U. foot ball player has been presented with a gold-headed cane. The only things more appropriate that could have been given would have been crutches or an iron mask.

A Kansas City paper has a write-up of some of Lawrence's many times widowed college widows with their pictures. College widows are too good-natured and kind to resent almost anything.

A cow was killed at Arkansas City that had a two-inch piece of a pitchfork tined in her back. It is considered a hopeful sign when butchers kill animals whose flesh a pitchfork can penetrate.

Arkansas City Traveler: At Sedon the jointers are fined \$5 per month. At Cedarvale they pay \$10 per month. In Arkansas they dance to the tune of \$100 per month, and are getting rich while paying a license of \$12.00 per year per joint.

Emporia Gazette: A little six-year-old girl marched into a room recently, where one of the C. of E. foot ball team was talking with some ladies, and holding up to him a hair pin, which she had found on the floor, asked: "Did you lose this?"

A Salina young man went into a store to buy some butter for his sister. The young woman who waited on him offered to sew them on. He felt her. When she brought the coat back, the pockets were all sewed up. His father's words: Do not trust a woman even when tendering favors.

Analysis by the chief chemist of the United States Agricultural Department proves Dr. Price's Baking Powder to be superior in leavening strength and purity to all other baking powders.

## SUFFRAGE RESUBMISSION.

A Club Organized by the Dissatisfied Members of the E. S. A.

There seems to be dissatisfaction in part of the Kansas E. S. A. over the reelection of Mrs. Johns to the presidency and the defeat of the resubmission of the suffrage amendment proposition.

Dr. Harding and Mrs. Potts, of Topeka, are among the movers in the new resubmission club that is being formed.

It was sprung immediately after the defeat of the proposition at Winfield Friday, and has sixty members to start with. To keep the new organization from having the appearance of a Populist the officers have been selected about equally from both parties. Mrs. A. R. Stryker, of Great Bend, a Populist, is president. Dr. Emily Newcomb, of Kansas City, a Republican, is vice president. Mrs. Laura Duff Stanley, of Arkansas City, a Populist, is the secretary, and Mrs. M. C. Gillette, of Klogman, a Republican, is the treasurer.

A meeting of the executive board will be held at Dr. Harding's rooms soon to decide on a state meeting.

Men's \$3.50 all wool Suits, now \$4.75. PALACE CLOTHING CO., 709 Kansas ave.

Deputy United States Marshall James Gray has brought F. J. Vandenberg to Topeka again from Leavenworth. Vandenberg is the man who was in jail several months for defrauding some one out of 20 cents. He has served his time for one count and will be tried on the second indictment.

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Besides Our Opening of HOLIDAY GOODS This Week.

We are offering Special Bargains in all departments, many of which make very appropriate HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

\$10.00 Pattern Suits for \$5.00 ea.  
\$15.00 Pattern Suits for \$7.50 ea.  
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\$1.25 Fancy Suitings for 98c yd.  
\$1.25 Heavy Serges for 89c yd.  
75c Fancy D'Goods for 50c yd.  
50c Novelties for 39c yd.  
50c Henriettas for 39c yd.

45 inch Heavy Black Serges, 39c yd.  
75c Heavy Black Serges for 59c yd.  
\$1.00 French Croise (Black) for 75c yd.

\$1.00 Heavy Cheviot Serge for 79c yd.

98c Heavy Diagonal (Black) for 75c yd.

\$1.00 Black Bengaline for 75c yd.  
Silk Warp, Eudora Cloth, Black Cravenettes, Satin Soliels, etc.

Beautiful Fancy Silks, 75c yd.  
Stylish Two Toned Silks, 88c yd.  
Handsome Quality China Silks, plain evening shades, 50c and 75c yd.  
Drapery Silks, 69c to \$1.00 yd.  
Black Armure Silk, worth \$1.00, for 75c yd.

Black Peau de Soi, Satin Duchess, \$1.00 yd.  
Royal Alma, Peau de Soi, special values at \$1.25 and \$1.50 per yard.

Fringed Linen Tray Cloths, special, 19c, 25c, 37c and 50c each.  
Hemstitched Linen Tray Cloths, 25c, 37c up to \$1.00 each.

Doylies, 5c 10c, 12c, 15c and 20c ea.  
Linen Table Sets, \$4.00 to \$20.00 ea.  
Linen Scarfs, 50c to \$1.38 each.  
Linen Napkins, \$1.00 to \$5.00 doz.

Stamped Linen Tray Cloths, 12c, 20c, 25c, 35c each.  
Stamped Linen Dresser Scarfs, 25c, 45c and 58c.

Down Pillows, 75c, 85c and \$1.00 each.

Silk Head Rests, 50c each.  
Wash Velvets, 75c yd.  
Linen Fringes, 12c yd.  
Silk Fringes, 15c yd.

Fine Linen Stamped Doylies and Center Pieces for Honiton Braid work.  
Stamped Colored Center Pieces, 25c.  
Stamped Colored Table Cloths, 25c.

Fringed and Stamped Table Cloths, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 each.

Ladies' Fine Umbrellas in natural wood, silver or Dresden China handles in the neat tight rolls, \$3.50 to \$5.00 each.

Gents' Fine Umbrellas, new and pretty handles, \$2.50 to \$5.00 each.

Gent's Silk Mufflers in White, Gray and Black, at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 each.

Gent's extra fine Initial China Silk Handkerchiefs, 75c ea.

## THE COMING EVENT

Is the Spectacular and Operatic Carnival.

Rehearsals for the new carnival commenced yesterday afternoon, and the large number of our leading young ladies who were taking part surely indicates the event will be one of considerable society interest and will be given as a high class entertainment of great attractiveness, bright, sparkling and brilliant. The affair is under the direction of Messrs. Rockwell and Hollister, of Chicago, and the press of other cities highly recommend these gentlemen as to character, and speak in glowing terms of their entertainment. The ladies of the Orphans' home desire to make this a city enterprise, and it is hoped everyone will become personally interested in its success.

The prices of admission will only be 50 cents for reserved seats; 35c, 25c and 15c in other parts of the house. A grand holiday entertainment for a reasonable price. No one can afford to miss it, so wait for this attraction.

Men's \$12.50 all wool Suits, now \$6.75. PALACE CLOTHING CO., 709 Kansas ave.

Xmas Photographs. Snyder will make them for you. Call at once.

Read the "Wants." Many of them are as interesting as news items. See if it is not so.

## Furs, Muffs and Wraps.

Black Coney Fur Muffs, 38c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 ea.

Electric Seal Muffs, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 each.

Astrachan Muffs, \$3.00 and \$3.50 each.

Monkey Muffs, \$3.50 to \$6.00 ea.

Fox, \$3.00, \$4.50 each.

Children's Angora Sets—Muff and Collar—\$1.98 to \$3.00 ea.

## Table Covers, Etc.

6-4 Damask Table Covers, \$1.25 each.

4-4 Damask Table Covers, 98c each.

6-4 Chenille Table Covers, \$1.00 each.

8-4 Chenille Table Covers, \$2.50 each.

10-4 Chenille Table Covers, \$5.25 each.

6-4 French Velour Table Covers \$4.50 each.

Chenille Portierres, all shades, at \$2.25, \$3.25 and \$5.00 pair.

## Handkerchiefs—10c each.

Ladies' Hemstitched China Silk Handkerchiefs.

Ladies' Embroidered China Silk Handkerchiefs.

Ladies' Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs.

Gent's All Linen Handkerchiefs: A big bargain line for 10c each.

## Handkerchiefs—18c each.

Ladies' Embroidered China Silk Handkerchiefs.

Ladies' Embroidered Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.

Gent's All Linen Handkerchiefs; equal any sold at 25c each.

The entire line 18c each.

25c 25c 25c 25c 25c  
Handkerchiefs at 25c each.

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Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs, Linen or Silk.

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Ladies' very fine Hemstitched Linen.

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Extra quality fine Embroidered Linen.

Gent's China Silk Initial.

Gent's extra fine Linen Hemstitched.

Ladies' fine Hemstitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs.

All at 50c each.

## Toys, Games, Etc.—25c each.

Dolls, Kid body, Bisque head, China Tea set, Britannia Tea set, Folding Bed, Rubber Dolls, A B C Block, Cadet Guards, Dressed Dolls, French Paper Dolls, Authors, Sliced Games, Fish Pond, Nest Blocks, Rubber Animals, etc., etc.

## 50c Toys, Games, Dolls.

Handsome Dressed Dolls. Dolls, Kid body, Bisque faces. Foot Ball, Steeple Chase. Brownie Picnic, Iron Pony Cart. Hose Cart, Steam Yacht. Table Croquet, Building Blocks. China Tea sets, Britannia Tea set. Magic Lantern, Nest Blocks, etc.

## 25c Silvered Ware.

Photograph Frames, Mirrors. Match Safes, Soap Boxes. Children's Cups, Clothes Brushes. Hair Brushes, Toilet Trays. Hair Pin and Collar Button Cases. Children's Knife and Fork Sets, etc. All at 25c each.

## 50c each—Silvered Ware.

Ash Trays, Ink Stands, Trays, Hair Pin Cases, Toilet Trays, Etc. Elegant assortment in more expensive goods.

Hand Painted Placques and Perfume Bottles at 25c each.

Hand Painted Rose Bowls, \$1.00 and up.

Hand Painted Celluloid Calendars, Handkerchiefs, Toilet and Card Cases.

Hand Painted Celluloid Trays. Broom holders, etc.

Leather Toilet Cases, 50c ea.

Leather Toilet Cases in finer fittings, 75c to \$2.50 each.

Leather Music Rolls, 58c and 75c each.

Leather Collar and Cuff Boxes, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Leather Collar and Cuff Cases, \$1.25 to \$2.50.

Ladies' Leather Combination Pocket Books, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 ea.

Ladies' fine Leather Hand Bags, at 1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 ea.

Ladies' fine Leather Card Cases, 75c to \$1.50 ea.

Ladies' Shell Back Combs, Side Combs and Fancy Hair Ornaments, 25c and 50c each.

Ladies' fine Silk Hose Supporters, usually sold at 35c, for 25c pair.

Ladies' Silk Mittens, 89c to \$2.00 pair.

Ladies' Wool Fascinators, 35 to 75 cents.

Ladies' Ice Wool Fascinators 45c to \$1.50 each.

## CUTTING WATER RATES.

Little Chance That They Will Be Reduced at Present.

City Attorney Tiltonson presented to the city council last night a communication stating that he deemed it inadvisable to apply to the United States circuit court for a reduction of the present water rate. He said that a case is pending in the supreme court against the company which will soon be heard and which might be appealed to the United States court if decided against the city, while an appeal from the United States court would go to the court of appeals. This would be expensive.

City Attorney Tiltonson called attention to the fact that the water company is bonded for \$1,200,000 and that the franchise expires in 1901 and the city would have to extend the franchise or buy the water works and pay for \$900,000 inflated stock.

Councilman Bradford said that he had a conversation with Judge Riner and he stated that he considered that he had jurisdiction and would listen to an application for the lowering of the water rates if they are exorbitant.

The matter was referred to the committee on water works to report at the meeting next Friday evening.

Men's \$3 hats now \$1.48. PALACE CLOTHING CO., 709 Kansas ave.

Dr. Addie Keister at Dutton House.

## "JANE" THURSDAY NIGHT.

A Gustave Frohman Company in a Splendid Comedy.

On Thursday night at the Grand we will have the farce-comedy "Jane," under the management of Gustave Frohman. "Jane" is too well known to need an introduction. It has been in Topeka before, and while it has not Jennie Yeomans for Jane this year, all the old time fun is there.

Reilly Tonight at the Crawford.

James A. Reilly, the German dialect comedian, will be at the Crawford to night again in his new comedy, "The German Soldier." He had a fair house last night and sings well. The best seats in the house tonight will be obtainable for fifty cents and the others for thirty-five and twenty-five cents.

To Open Beacon Street.

Captain C. H. Titus appeared before the city council last evening and asked that the council open Beacon street in South Topeka. The matter has been pending for two years and the district court prescribed the boundaries about which there was a contest. Councilman Bradford introduced a resolution instructing the city engineer to define the boundaries of the street and order all obstructions removed within six days. The resolution was adopted.

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